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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RESIGNATION FROM ISRAELI CABINET-AN ISOLATED EVENT

REF: TEL AVIV 8616

1. WE BELIEVE THAT RESIGNATION THIS WEEK OF ONE OF CINET'S 19 MEMBERS, JUSTICE MINISTER SHPIRO, IS ISOLATED EVENT WHICH DOES NOT FORESHADOW FURTHER RESIGNATIONS OR LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY OF MRS MEIR TO LEAD NATION IN IMMEDIAQE POSTWAR PERIOD. SHAPIRO'S RESIGNATION, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, CAME IN WAKE OF HIS CALL UPON DAYAN LAST WEEK TO RESIGN (REFTEL). SHAPIRO FOUND HIMSELF WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM ANY OF HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES WHO CRITICIZED HIM SEVERELY FOR THE TIMING, MANNER AND SUBSTANCE OF HIS ATTACK ON DAYON WHILE IDF WAS STILL ON BATTLEFIELD AND GOI CONFRONTED BY DIFFICULT DIPLOMATIC-POLITICAL SITUATION.

2. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT MRS MEIR WILL NOT APPOINT NEW JUSTICE MINISTER UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS. USUALLY WELL INFORMED SOURCES TEL US THAT MOST LOGICAL CANDIDATE FOR JOB IS HAIM ZADOK, CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY
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COMMITTEE, WHO IS GENERALLY DOVISH IN HIS VIEWS AND GOOD

FRIEND OF US. BUT EVCFENTLY MRS MEIR IS NOT KEEN ON ZADOK,
WHO IS INDEPENDENT-MINDED AND NOT EASILY CONTROLLED.
ANOTHER POSSIBILITY MENTIONED IS FORMER EICHMANN TRIAL PROSECUTOR,,
INDEPENDENT LIBERAL KESSET MEMBER GIDEON HAUSNER, MY LONG-TIME
PEROSNAL FRIEND.

3. IN ANY CASE, SHAPIRO RESIGNATION DOES NOT SIGNAL ANY SHIFTS
IN POWER RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOI.
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